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**Rules and regulations for county parks now in place**

LĪHU'E – County officials announced that rules and regulations relating to the commercial use of county parks and park facilities are now in place.

To operate legally, anyone interested in conducting peddling and concession operations at county parks, playgrounds and other facilities or on roads abutting these facilities must apply for a permit with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Applications are available Monday to Friday, from 7:45 am to 4 pm, except on holidays, at the Līhu'e Civic Center, 4444 Rice Street, suite 105.

Some examples of peddling operations at county parks include: surf schools; lunch wagons; weddings; and rental of beach equipment.

A commercial activity such as those mentioned above will be considered for an authorized activity designation only after a proper application has been submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation and a public hearing has been held.

In general, permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. However, depending upon the commercial activity and the beach park involved, the Parks Department may implement a lottery system when the number of requests exceeds the number of permits allowed.

The establishment of rules and regulations by the director of Parks and Recreation was mandated by Ordinance No. 848, which was passed by the Kaua'i County Council as a result of complaints received regarding how the increase in unregulated peddling had become an intrusion upon island residents' enjoyment of county parks and park facilities.

In addition, concerns were raised about how this issue affects the tourist industry by diminishing the visitor's experience on Kaua'i.

The primary purpose of the rules is to regulate peddlers at county parks, playgrounds and other facilities and prohibit peddling on the beaches of Kaua'i.

Any person found in violation of the established rules and regulations may be subject to a fine not less than \$200 and not more than \$2,000 for each offense.

To access the complete list of rules and regulations relating to the commercial use of county parks and park facilities, please go to <http://www.kauai.gov/parks/rules>.

For more information, please call (808) 241-4460.

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